

Arizona's Tenth Annual Transition Conference
"Designing the Future"

**AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve:
National Service as a Tool for Career Exploration
September 21, 2010
12:45 pm-2:00 pm**

INFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS-additional materials will be provided

- Three federal programs, National Service programs, Learn and Serve, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps involve U.S. citizens in service to meet community needs in areas such as education and the environment.
- For students planning their transition from high school to the world of career and higher education participation in Learn and Serve programs as a student, and consideration of AmeriCorps membership in transition planning, facilitates career exploration for students with disabilities.
- Although national service is not a "disability program," the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal funding source, is committed to welcoming and supporting citizens who have disabilities who choose to give back to their communities as they gain skills and experiences that will last a lifetime.

Our discussion will include:

- Background on federally funded national service programs in the United States and in Arizona.
- What do Learn and Serve participants or AmeriCorps members do?
- Who is eligible to join?
- How do I find about programs that might be right for our school's students?
- How can students with disabilities become part of Learn and Serve or other service learning projects in my school?
- What have been the experiences of individuals with disabilities who have served in AmeriCorps?
- Does consideration of Learn and Serve or AmeriCorps fit in my student's IEP or Transition Plan?